

## 1        CLAIMS

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7        5. Currently Amended) The trap as described in claim 4, wherein the  
8            trap door slot comprises A trap comprising:9            a trap body,10          the body including a bottom member, a top member, a front  
11          member and a back member, a side member joining the members;12          the front member comprising a top, a notch, the notch being at  
13          the front member top, the front member further comprising an  
14          opening therethrough, the opening being closed by a trap door;15          the top member having at least one aperture therethrough, the  
16          first aperture being proximate to the notch, and a second aperture  
17          being positioned towards the back member;18          the trap door including an elongated slot therethrough, the  
19          slot comprising arcuate ends [ . ], the trap door being slidably  
20          retained between the front member and the body by a spacer;21          a bait holder22          the bait holder being pivotably attached to the top  
23          member and extending within the body; and24          a trip mechanism, including a means for supporting the trap  
25          door, the trip mechanism in communication with the bait holder.26        6. (Original) The trap as described in claim 5, wherein the  
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1 arcuate ends are of different sizes.

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3 7. (Original) The trap as described in claim 6, wherein the trip  
4 mechanism further comprises a rod.

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6 8. (Original) The trap as described in claim 7, wherein the trip  
7 mechanism further includes a prop attached to the rod, the prop  
8 being sized to fit within the notch.

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10 9. (Original) The trap as described in claim 8, wherein the trip  
11 mechanism further includes a weighted portion.

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13 10. (Original) The trap as described in claim 9, wherein the bait  
14 holder further comprises a pair of support brackets, the support  
15 brackets attached to the top member on opposite sides of the second  
16 aperture, and the bait holder further comprises a boss, the boss  
17 being pivotably retained between the support brackets by a pivot  
18 pin received therethrough.

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20 11. (Original) The trap as described in claim 10, wherein the bait  
21 holder further comprises a back member, a trip mechanism receiving  
22 means positioned on the back member and near the boss, and a second  
23 pivot pin, the trip mechanism receiving means further comprising a  
24 pair of walls, each wall having an opening therethrough, the trip  
25 mechanism receiving means receiving an end of the trip mechanism,  
26 and the second pivot pin pivotably retaining the trip mechanism  
27 between the walls.

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29 12. (Original) The trap as described in claim 11, wherein the bait  
30 holder further comprises a bait chamber, the bait chamber further  
31 comprising a front member, a back member and a pair of side  
32 members, the bait chamber being open at its top.

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34 13. (Original) The trap as described in claim 12, wherein the bait  
35 chamber front member further comprises an opening therethrough.

1       14. (Original) The trap as described in claim 13, wherein the trap  
2 further comprises a means for retaining the trip means, and wherein  
3 the means for retaining the trip means is a loop attached to the  
4 trap body top member, between the bait chamber and the trap door.  
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6       15. (Original) The trap as described in claim 14, wherein the  
7 front member further comprises a second notch, the second notch  
8 being contiguous with the opening.  
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10      16. (Original) The trap as described in claim 15, wherein the trap  
11 door further comprises a lift knob.  
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13      17. (Original) The trap as described in claim 16, wherein the trip  
14 mechanism is received through the elongated slot.  
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16      18. (Original) The trap as described in claim 17, wherein the  
17 trap is manufactured from one or more materials selected from the  
18 group consisting of plastic, metal, steel, stainless steel, wire  
19 and mesh and combinations thereof.  
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21      19. (Previously Presented) A trap comprising:  
22            a trap body,  
23               the body including a bottom member, a top member, a front  
24 member and a back member, a side member joining the members;  
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26            the front member comprising a top, a notch, the notch being at  
27 the front member top, the front member further comprising an  
28 opening therethrough, the opening being closed by a trap door;  
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30            the top member having at least one aperture therethrough, the  
31 first aperture being proximate to the notch, and a second aperture  
32 being positioned towards the back member;  
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34            the trap door being slidably retained between the front member  
35 and the body by a spacer, the trap door further including an

1       elongated slot therethrough;

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3           a bait holder comprising:

4            a pair of support brackets, the support brackets attached  
5            to the top member on opposite sides of the second  
6            aperture;

7            a boss, the boss being pivotably retained between the  
8            support brackets by a pivot pin received therethrough;  
9            a back member including a trip mechanism receiving means  
10          near the boss, and a second pivot pin, the trip mechanism  
11          receiving means further comprising a pair of walls, each  
12          wall having an opening therethrough;

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14           the bait holder being pivotably attached to the top  
15          member and extending within the body; and

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17           a trip mechanism, comprising a rod having a first end received  
18          in the trip mechanism receiving means, the second pivot pin  
19          pivotably retaining the trip mechanism between the walls; the trip  
20          mechanism further comprising a prop, the prop attached to the rod,  
21          the prop being sized to fit within the notch and thereby  
22          supporting the trap door, and the rod second end being received  
23          through the elongated slot.

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25       20. (Currently Amended) The trap as described in claim 19, wherein  
26          the front member further comprises a support, the support  
27          positioned between the trap door and the body[[;]].

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29       21. (Currently Amended) The trap as described in claim 20, wherein  
30          the wall further comprises a slot, the slot proximate the front  
31          member, the slot being sized to receive and receiving the support  
32          therein[[;]].

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34       22. (Original) The trap as described in claim 21, wherein the trap  
35          door further comprises a lift knob.

1       23. (Original) The trap as described in claim 22, further  
2 comprising a means for retaining the trip means, and wherein the  
3 means for retaining the trip means is a loop attached to the trap  
4 body top member, between the bait chamber and the trap door.

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6       24. (Original) The trap as described in claim 23, wherein the bait  
7 holder further comprises a bait chamber, the bait chamber further  
8 comprising a front member, a back member and a pair of side  
9 members, the bait chamber being open at its top.

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11      25. (Original) The trap as described in claim 24, wherein the  
12 trip mechanism further includes a weighted portion.

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14      26. (Original) The trap as described in claim 25, wherein the lift  
15 knob is sized to be slidably received, and can be slidably  
16 received, in the second notch.

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18      27. (Original) The trap as described in claim 26, wherein the trap  
19 is manufactured from one or more materials selected from the group  
20 consisting of plastic, metal, steel, stainless steel, wire and mesh  
21 and combinations thereof.

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23      28. (Previously Presented) A trap comprising:  
24            a trap body,  
25            the body including a bottom member, a top member, a front  
26 member and a back member, a side member joining the members;

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28            the front member comprising:  
29            -a top and a notch, the notch being at the front member top,  
30            -the front member further comprising an opening therethrough,  
31            the opening being closed by a trap door; and  
32            -a second notch, the second notch being contiguous with the  
33 opening;

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35            the top member having at least one aperture therethrough, the

1       first aperture being proximate to the notch, and a second aperture  
2       being positioned towards the back member;

4           the trap door being slidably retained between the front member  
5       and the body by a spacer, the trap door further including an  
6       elongated slot therethrough, and a lift knob;

8           the front member further comprising a support, the support  
9       positioned between the trap door and the body;

10          the wall further comprising a slot, the slot proximate the  
11       front member, the slot being sized to receive and receiving the  
12       support therein;

14          a bait holder comprising:

16           a pair of support brackets, the support brackets attached  
17       to the top member on opposite sides of the second  
18       aperture;

19           a boss, the boss being pivotably retained between the  
20       support brackets by a pivot pin received therethrough;  
21           a back member including a trip mechanism receiving means  
22       near the boss, and a second pivot pin, the trip mechanism  
23       receiving means further comprising a pair of walls, each  
24       wall having an opening therethrough;

26           the bait holder being pivotably attached to the top  
27       member and extending within the body; and

29           a trip mechanism, comprising a rod having a first end received  
30       in the trip mechanism receiving means, the second pivot pin  
31       pivotably retaining the trip mechanism between the walls;  
32           the trip mechanism further comprising a prop, the prop attached to  
33       the rod, the prop being sized to fit within the notch and thereby  
34       supporting the trap door, and the rod second end being received  
35       through the elongated slot.

1       29. (Original) The trap as described in claim 28, wherein the  
2 trap further comprises a means for retaining the trip means, and  
3 wherein the means for retaining the trip means is a loop attached  
4 to the trap body top member, between the bait chamber and the trap  
5 door.

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7       30. (Original) The trap as described in claim 29, wherein the bait  
8 holder further comprises a bait chamber, the bait chamber further  
9 comprising a front member, a back member and a pair of side  
10 members, the bait chamber being open at its top.

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12      31. (Original) The trap as described in claim 28, wherein the trip  
13 mechanism further includes a weighted portion.

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15      32. (Original) The trap as described in claim 31, wherein the lift  
16 knob is sized to be slidably received, and can be slidably  
17 received, in the second notch.

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19      33. (Original) The trap as described in claim 32, wherein the trap  
20 is manufactured from one or more materials selected from the group  
21 consisting of plastic, metal, steel, stainless steel, wire and mesh  
22 and combinations thereof.